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April 24, 2012

Mr. Andrew Brennan
Director of Environmental Affairs
MBTA
32 Cobble Hill Road
Somerville, MA 02143

RE: NPDES Reapplication No. MA0003590 (MBTA Commuter Rail Maintenance Facility)

Dear Mr. Brennan:

Your reapplication for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit has been reviewed and appears to be complete. You may be contacted for additional information as the permit is developed, should it be necessary to clarify, modify or supplement any previously submitted information.

A draft permit and statement of basis or fact sheet will be prepared by this office and forwarded to you upon the opening of the public comment period. The draft permit will be publicly noticed and forwarded for state certification if certification has not previously been received on the application. If it is deemed necessary, a public hearing will be held, in which case, the comment period will be extended beyond the close of the hearing. After the close of the public comment period, your final permit will be issued providing no new substantial changes are required based on the comments received. If new questions develop during the comment period, it may be necessary to draft a new permit, revise the statement of basis or fact sheet and/or reopen the public comment period.

The conditions of your present permit continue in force until new permit is issued and becomes effective since you filed a timely and complete reapplication. 40 CFR §122.6, 48 Fed. Reg. 14158 (April 1, 1983).

Should you have any questions concerning the application process, do not hesitate to contact me at (617) 918-1519. Questions pertaining to the permit reissuance can be referred to Nicole Aquillano, of the Industrial Permits Unit at (617) 918-1746.

Sincerely,

Environmental Protection Specialist

Municipal Assistance Unit

cc: K. Keohane, MassDEP

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MEMORANDUM TO THE FILE ON 7/31/2012.

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January 26, 2012

Olga Vergara
Environmental Protection Specialist
EPA - New England, Region 1
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100
Mail Code - OEP06-3
Boston, MA 02109-3912

Re:

Application for Renewal of NPDES Permit No. MA0003590

MBTA Commuter Rail Maintenance Facility Somerville, Cambridge and Boston, MA

Dear Ms. Vergara:

On behalf of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) and the Massachusetts Bay Commuter Railroad Company (MBCR), please find enclosed the application for renewal of NPDES Permit No. MA0003590. Based on your prior voice-mail correspondence on May 31, 2011, Form 2C was not completed as the MBTA and MBCR discharges do not include process wastewaters. Therefore, only Form 1 and Form 2F were completed for this submittal. Also included are Attachment A, Coastal Zone Management Review Letter, and Attachment B, BRP WM 07 State Permit Application. These documents are being submitted to the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection concurrent with this permit reapplication.

Please see the attached Technical Memorandum prepared on behalf of the MBTA and MBCR related to recommended changes in the new NPDES Permit from certain requirements in the existing Permit. Also, please note that based on the findings of the Area Drainage Study and the Collection System and Facility Evaluation Study, large areas of land outside of MBTA and MBCR control contribute stormwater flows to the outfall associated with this NPDES Permit.

Thank you for your consideration of this application. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (781) 213-4909.

Very truly yours,

ARCADIS U.S., Inc.

Michael P. Clark, P.E., LSP

Associate Vice President

cc:

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